

News Release

University of Minnesota begins search for new Crookston chancellor

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University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler and Senior Vice President for System Academic Administration Robert Jones have launched a national search for a new chancellor of the Crookston campus.

University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC) Chancellor Charles H. Casey will retire on June 30, 2012, following seven years at the post.

President Kaler and Jones have appointed Bill Peterson, professor in UMC's Department of Math, Science and Technology, along with Carol Carrier, special assistant to the senior vice president for System Academic Administration and professor in the Department of Organizational Learning, Policy and Development on the Twin Cities campus, to co-chair the search committee.

Other search committee members are:

- Alisha Aasness, undergraduate student, UMC, and president, Crookston Student Association
- Sue Brorson, professor and head, Department of Business, UMC
- Pam Elf, associate professor, Department of Math, Science, and Technology, UMC
- Stephanie Helgeson, department director, Department of Athletics, UMC
- Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, associate professor, Department of Liberal Arts and Education, UMC
- Denis Maier, assistant professor, Department of Business, UMC
- Harouna Maiga, associate professor, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, UMC
- Roger Moe, former majority leader, Minnesota Senate, and president, National Strategies, Inc.
- Albert Sims, associate professor and director of operations, Northwest Research and Outreach Center, Crookston
- Pete Wasberg, director of human resources and safety, Otter Tail Power Co., and chair, UMC Advisory Council
- Deb Zak, regional director, University of Minnesota Extension, Crookston

The search committee aims to develop as rich and diverse a candidate pool as possible, and invites both nominations and applications for the position. The search committee's goal is to name the next Crookston chancellor this summer.

"The Crookston campus strengthens the University and the state as a vital hub for applied research, teaching and outreach in Northwestern Minnesota," said Jones. "President Kaler and I seek a visionary leader for UMC who will build on Chancellor Casey's significant accomplishments - including new degree programs, enrollment gains, increased diversity and technological innovation."

News release announcing [Chancellor Casey's retirement](#).

About the University of Minnesota Crookston

Established as an institution of higher learning in 1966 and offering baccalaureate degree programs since 1993, the University of Minnesota Crookston (UMC) proudly carries on a tradition of a century of educational service to Northwestern Minnesota. As a coordinate campus of the University of Minnesota, UMC is integral to the University's statewide land grant mission. The college provides its unique contribution through applied, career-oriented learning programs that combine theory, practice and experimentation in a technologically rich environment. UMC, with an enrollment of 1,600 students, connects its teaching, research and outreach to serve the public good. To learn more about UMC, please go to [www.crk.umn.edu](#).

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